

Design of Masonry Structures MCQ Question Answer

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Question: 1. Assertion A : From consideration of structural soundness and economy of design, most codes control the maximum slenderness ratio of masonry walls and columns.

Reason R : By controlling the maximum slenderness ratio, failure is by excessive stress and not by buckling. Select your answer according to codes given below:

Option A. Both A and R is true and R is the correct explanation of A

Option B. Both A and R is true but R is not the correct explanation of A

Option C. A is true but R is false

Option D. A is false but R is true

Question: 2. For masonry work with solid bricks, consistency of mortar should be

Option A. 5 to 8 cm

Option B. 9 to 13 cm

Option C. 14 to 18 cm

Option D. 19 to 23 cm

Question: 3. For masonry built in 1 : 1 : 6 cement-lime-sand mix mortar or equivalent, the horizontal shear stress permissible on the area of a mortar bed joint is

Option A. 0.15 MPa

Option B. 0.125 MPa

Option C. 0.1 MPa

Option D. 0.075 MPa

Question: 4. If H is the height of wall between centers of supports, then the effective height of wall where concrete floors have a bearing on wall irrespective of the direction of span will be

Option A. 0.75 H

Option B. 0.85 H

Option C. 1.0 H

Option D. 1.5 H

Question: 5. For designing masonry components of a structure, seismic forces provision in the design calculation is not necessary for buildings constructed in

Option A. Zone I only

Option B. Zone I and II

Option C. Zone I, II and III

Option D. Zone I, II, III and IV

Question: 6. A 200 mm thick brick masonry wall made of modular bricks carries an axial load of 30 kN/m from wall above and an eccentric load of 20 kN/m from RCC floor acting at a distance of 47.5 mm from the centre line of the wall. The resultant eccentricity ratio is

- Option A. 0.090
- Option B. 0.095
- Option C. 0.100
- Option D. 0.105

Question: 7. In a cavity wall, both leaves of which are load bearing, the effective thickness is taken as

- Option A. Sum of thickness of both leaves
- Option B. Two-third of the sum of thickness of both the leaves
- Option C. Actual thickness of the stronger leaf
- Option D. Larger of (B) and (C)

Question: 8. Minimum compressive strength in N/mm^2 for H1 type mortar used for masonry is

- Option A. 3
- Option B. 5
- Option C. 7.5
- Option D. 10

Question: 9. Assertion A : For identical strength, a composite cement-lime mortar is preferred over cement mortar.

Reason R : Composite cement-lime mortar has higher drying shrinkage than cement mortar. Select your answer based on the codes given below:

- Option A. Both A and R is true and R is the correct explanation of A
- Option B. Both A and R is true but R is not a correct explanation of A
- Option C. A is true but R is false
- Option D. A is false but R is true

Question: 10. Assertion A : Lime based mortars give higher ratio of brickwork strength to mortar strength as compared to non-lime mortar. Reason R : Lime based mortars have lower bond strength as compared to non-lime mortars. Select your answer according to the codes given below:

- Option A. Both A and R is true and R is the correct explanation of A
- Option B. Both A and R is true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- Option C. A is true but R is false
- Option D. A is false but R is true

Question: 11. Assertion A : For eccentricity ratio exceeding $1/6$, effective thickness of masonry will get reduced.

Reason R : For eccentricity ratio exceeding $1/6$, there will be tension on one side of the member. Select your answer according to the codes give below:

- Option A. Both A and R is true and R is the correct explanation of A
- Option B. Both A and R is true and R is not the correct explanation of A
- Option C. A is true but R is false
- Option D. A is false but R is true

Question: 12. The thickness of each leaf of a cavity wall shall not be less than

- Option A. 5 cm
- Option B. 7.5 cm
- Option C. 10 cm
- Option D. 15 cm

Question: 13. The bending stress in a wall or column subjected to effective vertical load need not be considered, if the eccentricity ratio is

- Option A. Less than or equal to $1/24$
- Option B. Less than or equal to $1/6$
- Option C. More than $1/24$
- Option D. Less than or equal to $1/12$

Question: 14. Cement mortars richer than 1 : 3 are not used in masonry because (i) There is no gain in strength of masonry (ii) There is high shrinkage (iii) They are prone to segregation Of these statements

- Option A. Only (ii) is correct
- Option B. (i) and (ii) are correct
- Option C. (ii) and (iii) are correct
- Option D. (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct

Question: 15. Minimum thickness of stiffening wall for 1 to 3 storeys shall not be less than

- Option A. 10 cm
- Option B. 15 cm
- Option C. 20 cm
- Option D. 30 cm

Question: 16. Water retentivity for brick masonry should not be less than

- Option A. 50 %
- Option B. 60 %
- Option C. 70 %
- Option D. 80 %

Question: 17. If the eccentricity ratio is more than $1/24$, then increase in the permissible stress in the design of wall subjected to eccentric loading as per code is

- Option A. 10 %
- Option B. 25 %
- Option C. 33 %
- Option D. 50 %

Question: 18. If the ratio of center to center spacing of intersecting walls to actual thickness of intersecting wall is more than 20, then the stiffening coefficient for wall proper will be

- Option A. 0

Option B. Between 0 and 1

Option C. 1

Option D. Greater than 1

Question: 19. Maximum slenderness ratio of load bearing walls for a dwelling having more than 2 storeys

(i) Shall not exceed 12 if lime mortar is used

(ii) Shall not exceed 18 if cement lime mortar 1 : 2 : 9 is used

(iii) Shall not exceed 24 if cement mortar 1 : 6 is used

Of these statements

Option A. (i) and (ii) are correct

Option B. (ii) and (iii) are correct

Option C. (i) and (iii) are correct

Option D. (i) and (ii) and (iii) are correct

Question: 20. Full restraint is provided by

(i) Foundation footing of a wall

(ii) Timber floor spanning on the wall and anchored to the wall

(iii) RCC slab with a minimum bearing of 10 cm on the wall

Of these statements

Option A. (i) and (iii) are correct

Option B. (i) and (ii) are correct

Option C. (ii) and (iii) are correct

Option D. (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct

Question: 21. Consider the following statements: The use of relatively weak mortar

1. Will accommodate movements due to loads and, cracking if any, and will be distributed as thin hair cracks which are less noticeable or harmful.

2. Will result in reduction of stresses due to differential expansion of masonry units.

Of these statements

Option A. 1 alone is correct

Option B. 2 alone is correct

Option C. Both 1 and 2 are correct

Option D. Neither 1 nor 2 is correct

Question: 22. For strengthening a 50 m long and 5 m high straight compound wall built in brick work, which one of the following would be most suitable?

Option A. Providing buttresses at certain intervals

Option B. Providing a deeper foundation

Option C. Using a richer mortar

Option D. Using stronger bricks

Question: 23. A free standing brick wall 20 cm thick is subjected to a wind pressure of 75kg/m^2 . The maximum height of wall from stability consideration is

- Option A. 0.64 m
- Option B. 0.96 m
- Option C. 1.28 m
- Option D. 1.5 m

Question: 24. The effective height of free standing non-load bearing wall and column respectively will be

- Option A. $1.0H$ and $1.0H$
- Option B. $1.5H$ and $1.5H$
- Option C. $2.0H$ and $1.5H$
- Option D. $2.0H$ and $2.0H$ Where H is the height of wall or column between centers of supports

Question: 25. The mode of failure of a very short masonry member having h/t ratio of less than 4 is by

- Option A. Shear
- Option B. Vertical tensile splitting
- Option C. Buckling
- Option D. Any of the above

Question: 26. Consider the following statements: A high lime content in a composite cement-lime mortar results in

1. Slow hardening.
2. Quick setting.
3. Weaker mortar.

Of these statements

- Option A. 2 and 3 are correct
- Option B. 1 and 2 are correct
- Option C. 1 and 3 are correct
- Option D. 1, 2 and 3 are correct

Question: 27. Consider the following statements regarding provision of chases in masonry,

- (i) No chase should be permitted in a half brick load-bearing wall,
- (ii) Vertical chases should not be closer than 2 m in any stretch of a wall,
- (iii) Chases should be provided near to bearings of beams and lintels.

Of these statements

- Option A. (i) and (ii) are correct
- Option B. (i) and (iii) are correct
- Option C. (ii) and (iii) are correct
- Option D. (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct

Question: 28. Consider the following statements regarding bands to be provided for strengthening masonry work in masonry buildings constructed in zone III, IV and V.

- (i) Lintel band is provided at lintel level on partition walls,
- (ii) Gable band is provided at top of gable masonry below the purlins,

(iii) The bands shall be to full width of the wall and not less than 7.5 cm in depth,

(iv) The bands shall be made of reinforced concrete only.

Of these statements, the correct statements are

Option A. (i) and (ii)

Option B. (i) and (iii)

Option C. (ii) and (iv)

Option D. (ii) and (iii)

Question: 29. A 200 mm thick wall made of modular bricks is 5 m long between cross walls and 3.8 m clear height between RCC slabs at top and bottom. The slenderness ratio of the wall is

Option A. 15

Option B. 19

Option C. 20

Option D. 25

Question: 30. The timber floor not spanning on the masonry wall but properly anchored to the wall gives

Option A. Lateral restraint but not rotational restraint

Option B. Rotational restraint but not lateral restraint

Option C. Both lateral and rotational restraints

Option D. Neither lateral nor rotational restraint

Answer Sheet

1	A	
2	B	
3	A	
4	A	
5	B	
6	C	
7	D	
8	D	
9	C	
10	C	
11	A	
12	B	
13	A	
14	B	
15	A	
16	C	
17	B	
18	D	
19	A	
20	D	
21	C	
22	A	
23	A	
24	D	
25	A	
26	C	
27	A	
28	D	
29	A	
30	A	